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 have not had their premises LIMEWASHED
 and CLEANSED in accordance with law, are
 reminded that the period during which the work
 should be finished ends on the 30th day of
 April, 1903, and the Sanitary Board being con-
 vinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its
 efforts to STAMP OUT PLAGUE, is deter-
 mined to PROSECUTE any
 owner in default after the above named date.
 The Central Division of the City lies between
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 By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
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DEATHS.
On the 19th March, at Nagasaki, ARAO KAWAI, aged 68 years.
On the 21st March, at the Residence, Labuan, ANNE ANNIE, the wife of WILLIAM HUGHES PENNEY.
On the 29th March, at No. 2, Tiendong Road, HENRY GEORGE SUTTON, late Lower Yangtze Pilot, aged 68 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DE VOS ROAD, C.I.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 4th April, 1903.

The Hongkong Rifle Association has a competition this afternoon for spoons. The ranges are 200, 500 and 600 yards, and firing commences at 2.30.

In the Supreme Court yesterday the hearing of the *Sleipner* charter party case was continued. Counsel addressed the Court. Judgment was reserved.

The Brough Company played *Are You a Mason?* six times at Shanghai and, it was even more successful on the last than on the first presentation.

Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, will deliver a lecture entitled "A Plea for Jewish Wit," under the auspices of the Old Volume Society, in the City Hall on Tuesday next at 5.15 p.m.

As already announced the ss. *Wingchai* (Captain T. A. L., R.N.R.) will run on an excursion trip to Macao to-morrow, leaving her wharf opposite the Central Market at 9 a.m. and returning from the Portuguese Colony at 9 p.m. The Palm Sunday celebrations at Macao should induce many to take advantage of the trip.

By permission of Major Radcliff and Officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 to 9.30. The programme is as follows:—
March "Scots Out!".....Ord. Hume
Selection "Hilltop"....."Hilltop"
Gavotte "Tunis"....."Tunis"
Selection "An Artist's Model".....Sidney Jones
Barn Dance "Happy Dances".....Godfrey Valtz
"Follette".....Fairbach
Polka "Les Amoureux".....Gladson
"God Save the King."

Mr. John Roberts was in Taiping on the 21st ult. and played several exhibition games at the Persk Club.

Mr. G. G. Seth has been appointed acting Sheriff and Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court at Singapore.

Governor Taft, when the last mail left Manila, was confined to his bed. He was suffering from amoebic dysentery, and the doctors had ordered absolute rest.

Sergeant J. Walters, of the 88th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, Ceylon, has been promoted Company Sergeant-Major to No. 78 Company R.G.A., Hongkong, and will shortly proceed here.

The H.K. Police have donned their summer tunics. Incidentally we notice that by Imperial (Chinese) command the 24th of April is set down as the day to change the present winter official hat for the summer one.

The first foreign lady and children to visit Kailongfu are Mrs. Ford of the C.I.M. and her little boy and girl. They are reported to be creating quite an excitement, and hundreds of native women call at the Mission House daily.

Instructions have been issued for the disembarkation of the Manchester Regiment from the *Divora* at Tanjong Pagar, upon her arrival at Singapore, and the embarkation of the M.L.I. who are going to India in the same transport.

The room of Mr. Buckley's house which Admiral Keppel occupied last week before leaving Singapore was entered by burglars who stole a dressing-bag. This is the second occasion on which the Admiral's apartments have been burgled.

In his report for February on the ricksha service, the Singapore Registrar says there is no doubt the Foochow men are driving all other class away by the cheapness of their labour and few Mucous are left and the Hokien have decreased considerably.

Mosquitoes will soon be with us. Here is a hint from *Health* which those upon whom the little pests delight to make a meal may be interested in. The advice of one who has tried it is to throw a piece of alum the size of a marble into a bowl of water, and wet the hands and face and any exposed part lightly with it. If this be done, we are gravely assured, not a mosquito will approach.

Reuter is about to establish an agency in Rangoon. Rangoon is now reported to be in direct communication with Bombay. It is said that the automatic signalling apparatus by the Indian Telegraphing Department has proved to be a great success, by enabling long Press messages received in Bombay on the arrival of the English mail to be wired automatically direct to Rangoon, Calcutta and Madras.

The M. M. steamer *Adour* reported on her arrival at Singapore that on the 17th inst., on a trip from Europe to the Far East, she came across in 7 deg. 57 min. N. Lat., and 73 deg. 11 min. E. Long. of Paris, the wreck of a sailing vessel which had apparently come to grief a short time before. The bulk appeared to be that of a vessel of 200 or 300 tons and was low down in the water. No people were observed on the wreck.

Death has removed another old China coast hand in the person of Captain Henry G. Sutton, Lower Yangtze pilot. Captain Sutton traded on this coast in a sailing vessel of which he was owner in the latter part of the sixties. He then joined the firm of N. Moalle & Co. shipchandlers at Amoy, and afterwards entered the China Merchants service, commanding the paddle steamer *Kiangpiao*. He subsequently became a pilot and passed away last Sunday, regretted by a large circle of friends, at the age of 68.

A rumour appears to have been current at Shanghai to the effect that Chinese were exhibited among the Formosan aborigines, Ainu, &c., at the main entrance to the Osaka Exhibition. The exhibit, the *Kobe Chronicle* says, is known as the *Jiuru Kan* or Human Show, and the rumour that Chinese were included has caused some indignation among the latter at Shanghai, who consider it insulting to them. In consequence, it is reported that many Chinese, who intended to visit the Exhibition have abandoned the intention. A Japanese gentleman resident at Shanghai has written to a friend at Nagasaki enquiring as to the truth of the rumour, which it is needless to say, is entirely unfounded. Our *Kobe* contemporary understands that at first a picture of the compressed foot of a Chinese woman, and implements for smoking opium were shown in the *Jiuru Kan*, but these have since been removed. There are some models of Chinese in the Formosan building.

THE ADMIRALTY DOCK QUESTION.

We learn that at a meeting yesterday of the Committee appointed to approach the Imperial Government with a view to the removal of the Admiralty Dock from its present site, a draft of the petition to be forwarded to England was submitted and approved after Clause 13 had been deleted.

THE PLAGUE ROLL.

The daily number of cases of bubonic plague took a rather bigger jump than usual in the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday, when no less than 14 were reported by the Medical Officer of Health. Four of the bodies of victims, all of whom were Chinese, were dumped, and the remaining cases came from Victoria, Tai Hang village, Kowloon, Hungnam, and other parts of the Colony. The total number of cases during the year is now 178.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

GERMAN OFFICERS AT CHINAN-FU.

SHANGHAI, 3rd April.

Captain Truppel of Tsingtau (capital Kiauchau) and four Staff Officers arrived at Chinan-fu to-day on a visit to Governor Chifu.

GENERAL TUNG FU-HSIANG'S SINISTER DESIGNS.

SHANGHAI, 4th April.

Fan Cheng, Governor of Hupeh, reports that a large detachment of Hunanese troops passed through there on the 12th ult. going to Hsianfu. This confirms the rumours of sinister designs on the part of General Tung Fu-hsiang.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, 1st April.

The King's birthday will be celebrated on foreign stations on the 9th November.

THE REVENUE.

LONDON, 1st April.

The revenue for the year amounted to £151,551,698, an increase of £8,553,699, but £233,302 below Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's estimate.

THE WAR OFFICE AND THE LATE SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

LONDON, 1st April.

Lady MacDonald's solicitor states that the War Office offered a gun carriage for the funeral of the late General Sir Hector MacDonald and had shown the greatest kindness. General Sir Archibald Hunter and Staff desired to attend the funeral but Lady MacDonald declined both, desiring the strictest privacy.

A fund has been opened in Edinburgh to erect a monument. The will leaves everything to the widow.

LATER.

Mr. Chamberlain in reply to Major Rasch's question of 31st ult., said that Col. Sir Joseph Ridgeway's statement was no implied condemnation of the late General Sir Hector MacDonald, but on the contrary expressed a hope that the charges would be disproved.

FRANCE.

LONDON, 1st April.

The French budget has passed.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

LONDON, 1st April.

Cambridge led throughout the race and won easily by six lengths.

THE AMERICA CUP.

LONDON, 1st April.

In trials on the Clyde yesterday between the old and new *Shamrock* the latter proved to be much the faster boat.

PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 1st April.

The Budget statement will be made on the 23rd inst.

SUPREME COURT VACATION.

The Supreme Court will enter upon the Easter Vacation on Good Friday, the 10th inst. and will not resume until Thursday of the following week. Owing to the Vacation, the ordinary Summary Court will be held on Thursday instead of Friday next week.

CRICKET.

A return cricket match has been arranged between the Union Church and the Omeigengover Cricket Club to take place at the Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m. to-day. The following will represent Omeigengover:—R. Baer, A. O. Brown, L. A. Rose, J. Pestonji, J. D. Kinnaird, J. P. Jordan, E. B. Horton, R. C. Witkell, J. L. Stuart, M. H. Hartman and M. E. Asger.

TRAMWAYS FOR SHANGHAI.

The Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd., and the British Electric Traction Co., Ltd., have accepted the terms agreed on by their representative with the Municipal Council and at last there are to be tramways in Shanghai. The contracts were to be ready for signature at home this week. There will be general satisfaction with the news, comments the *Daily News*.

THE CHINESE AND H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE PETITION TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

We give below the full text of the petition which, as we mentioned yesterday, has been largely signed by the leading members of the Chinese community in the Colony. Hon. Dr. Ho Kai's letter to H.E.'s Private Secretary and Sir John Keane's reply are also given.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1903.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you a Petition in triplicate addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Chinese inhabitants of this Colony.

The Petition has been signed by the leading members of every section of the Chinese Community here resident, and I am requested by them to beg His Excellency the Governor to forward the same to the Secretary of State by an early mail.

As the matter is an urgent one, I am further requested to ask His Excellency to be so good as to send a telegram to the Secretary of State acquainting him with the subject matter of the Petition and stating by what mail the same is being sent.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

HO KAI.

Sir JOHN KEANE, Bart.
Private Secretary.

To the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, P.C., M.P. His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants and Firms of Hongkong on behalf of themselves and every section of the Chinese Community.

Respectfully Sheweth:—

1. That Your Petitioners are the leading Chinese Residents and Firms of and in the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, who, together with the rest of the Chinese Community, constitute close upon ninety-seven per centum of the total inhabitants of the Colony and about seventeen-twentieths of the rate-paying Community.

2. That most of Your Petitioners have either been born or naturalised as British subjects in this Colony, or have resided permanently therein for a very large number of years, and all of them without exception have considerable stake and interests in the land and commerce of this Colony.

3. That since the cession of this Island to the British Crown and since the period of which Your Petitioners have any remembrance, the Government of this Colony has been conducted with ability and justice, for which Your Petitioners together with their Chinese fellow citizens are truly and profoundly grateful.

4. That during the last five years since the arrival of His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., as Governor of Hongkong, the Government of this Colony has assumed not merely a just but a liberal, benevolent, and sympathetic character, and that at no time within the recollection and experience of the oldest of your petitioners has an administration been so universally appreciated and admired.

5. That to say that the administration of Sir Henry Blake has completely won the confidence, respect, and admiration of the entire Chinese population and has cemented their loyalty and affection to the British Crown, is but to state a well acknowledged truth, and that the present Petition is the outcome of the earnest desire on the part of every section of the Chinese Community to seek for a continuation of a strong, wise, just, and sympathetic rule at a time more or less unsettled and troublous.

6. That to enumerate the many benevolent acts and liberal measures adopted by Sir Henry Blake during his five years' administration is not the intention of your petitioners, nor is it deemed necessary to do so; but there are some administrative acts which have deeply touched the hearts of the native population that it is impossible for them to ever forget.

7. That several public charitable institutions have in recent years been promoted and established under His Excellency's direct patronage having for their object the healing of the sick and sheltering of the innumerable. The new Wing of the Tung Wa Hospital, the infectious Diseases Hospital, the Home for Lepers, and the projected Maternity Hospital are and will be perpetual monuments of the charitable phase of His benevolent Government; while his personal zeal in the cause of charity has caused the Chinese to treble their efforts in contributing to the relief of sufferers from the devastations of war, famine, typhoon, or flood.

8. That the establishment of separate schools for European children and high schools for the sons and daughters of the Chinese, together with the endowment of a College of Medicine for the Chinese and the adoption of most of the recommendations of the Educational Committee, are Governmental acts which cannot fail to promote education in the colony, especially among the Chinese inhabitants.

9. That the passage of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in its present form, the adoption of various effective but considerate and reasonably sanitary measures, the opening of Government Dispensaries, the institution of a Bacteriological Research Department, the employment of Chinese trained in Western medical science, the establishment of public bath houses, the conservation of open spaces, the training of nallahs, the increase of the water storage, and the better regulation of the water supply, are measures which will improve the health of the Colony, and finally eradicate therefrom all forms of epidemic and infectious disease.

10. That the almost bloodless pacification of the New Territory together with the establishment of local tribunals and the promotion of agriculture and industry there, the improvement and augmentation of the police and district watchmen forces, the stern suppression of

secret societies, and the deportation of hardened criminals and dangerous characters, have tended to preserve the peace and good order of this Colony in a manner the most effective and unsurpassed.

11. That the maintenance of unbroken friendly relations with the local Government at Canton, frequently under very trying circumstances, especially during the troublous time of the taking over of the New Territory and during the Boer rising in the North of the Chinese Empire, has inspired your petitioners with the utmost confidence in the diplomatic as well as the administrative abilities of Sir Henry Blake, and this confidence has spread a tranquil feeling over the mind of the Chinese residents notwithstanding the many recent disquieting rumours of rebellious risings in the neighbouring provinces and of possible foreign complications.

12. That the new Public Health and Buildings Ordinance reserves large discretionary powers to the Governor and several of his Executive Officers, and that the carrying out of all its most important provisions requires much experience, discretion, and consideration. In the humble opinion of Your Petitioners, this Ordinance, if enforced by a Governor who commands the confidence of the vast majority of the public, will prove a success from the first otherwise, it will probably be attended with much difficulty and friction.

13. That provision for a largely increased supply of water to the Colony by further arrangements for its conservation and distribution, together with provision for the housing and spread of the Chinese working classes, is considered by your petitioners to be absolutely necessary for their welfare and the sanitary improvement of the whole Colony, and that your petitioners have good reason to believe that His Excellency the Governor is now devising schemes to meet immediate and future requirements in those respects.

14. That owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the local monetary currency, and the disturbed and unsettled state of Southern China, a crisis may at any moment occur in this Colony and its neighboring provinces, which will require at this great emergency of trade a strong Government and a Governor possessed of an intimate knowledge of affairs and the complete confidence of the entire Chinese Community.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that His Most Gracious Majesty the King be advised to extend the term of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, which will shortly expire, to another six years; that His Excellency may be permitted for yet another term to continue to rule and guide His Majesty's loyal Chinese subjects in this Colony at a time fraught with danger and trouble to them and their fellow-countrymen; and that the vast Chinese population of Hongkong and its Dependencies may have their lives and property, their welfare and happiness, protected and conserved by the one Governor in whom they have the utmost confidence and faith, and whose high personal qualities and great administrative abilities they so much admire and respect.

And Your Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Dated Hongkong, 30th March, 1903.

Hongkong, Government House.

31st March 1903.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date transmitting a Petition from the Chinese inhabitants to the Secretary of State for the Colonies praying that the terms of His Excellency's administration should be extended.

The Governor desires me to convey to the Chinese community through you his grateful acknowledgment of their expressions of confidence and goodwill in the Petition of which his first authentic information was its receipt last evening. It will be forwarded in due course to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and while you will understand that the regulation by which the duration of a Governor's administration is determined is the result of careful consideration after long experience, His Excellency desires me to say that the Chinese community may rest assured that, whoever may be the Governor, the administration of this important Colony will, in the future as in the past, be conducted with just and sympathetic consideration for the Chinese population to whose industry, energy and business capacity the Colony is so largely indebted for its phenomenal prosperity.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. KEANE,

Private Secretary.

The Hon. Doctor HO KAI.

M.L.C., C.M.G.

&c. &c.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD COMPETITION.

It is notified for the information of Volunteers that it has been found necessary to postpone the competition for His Excellency the Governor's Shield until Saturday, May 2nd, owing to two teams being unable to enter on Saturday next on account of the number of Saturdays in success on which they have taken place and in view of the fact that many of those selected for the team are desirous of practicing at Kowloon for the Boer Rifle Meeting.

A board of officers of the Corps will assemble at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9th inst., for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon non-officers for the year ending 31st March, 1903.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ADMIRALTY DOCK QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
Hongkong, 3rd April.

SIR,—The prospect of the new Admiralty Dock being removed to another site appears to the average Hongkongite almost too good to be true; but the "dead" appearance of the works gives colour to the hope that, if the project is not already abandoned, it is in a fair way to become so. As Stephenson succeeded eventually in filling up Chat Moss, so the engineers here doubtless could conquer the difficulties which have arisen; but at what a cost? A dock intended to carry the heaviest battleships requires something more than a piled foundation on porous ground; why not admit at once that the game is not worth the candle, and instead of persevering in an error and spending untold money for the sake of saving "face," take a common sense view of the situation and at the same time meet the wishes of the Colonists? That "someone has blundered" is apparent, but that is no reason for perpetuating that blunder; when the whole thing is reviewed it may prove after all a blessing in disguise.

The advantages of removing the Dockyard to the mainland have been pointed out before; the benefits to the mercantile fleet if more space could be allowed are too self-evident to need showing; and the wonderful improvement the removal would make to the City and the Colony at large is incalculable. If another and more suitable site can be obtained—and doubtless the authorities know of several—would it not be feasible for the Colony to take over the existing works and complete the wet docks as originally planned, but with modifications to admit of a hand running along the front so as to give access to the eastern end of the city and relieve the congestion of Queen's Road?

Drawbridges would provide ingress and egress to the docks; and thus we would have what the Colony has been pining for for years—a safe and commodious harbour of refuge in a central situation.

It could be a source of revenue to the Colony. Owners of launches, yachts, &c., would willingly pay a rent to have their craft secure from storm or damage by collision when they have no crews on board. During the typhoon season a toll could be levied on every vessel passing the bridges, the rate varying according to the class of sampan or cargo boat; we would then have boats working up to the last safe hour, and starting as soon as ever danger is past, instead of the present race to Causeway Bay, often when no typhoon comes at all; and the subsequent jamb when vessels which would get out find it impossible to do so until other craft which block the way are removed.

What a relief, too, to the Government officials; the dredger, tug, and lighters out of harm's way whenever danger threatens; the large fleet of launches, harbour and police, all handy for service without loss of time and expenditure of coal, bringing them from Stonecutters, which at best is insecure, yet the only spot available for shelter.

The financing of the scheme should not be beyond the means of the Colony; the enormous value of the site to be taken over, hatched against the low cost of land on the mainland, should tend to avoid loss on what has already been done. A situation 30 minutes' steaming from Blake Pier might be obtained for very little, with unlimited room for expansion, granite at hand, a personal stream of fresh water, a material district, good anchorage, safe shelter; but doubtless all likely places have been well surveyed and it is not for the layman to make suggestions.

Before closing, I would request anyone interested to take a bird's-eye view of the Wanchoi anchorage, and compare it with its appearance of 10 years ago; what with the encroachment of the Dockyard works, and the overflow of naval vessels into what used to be an entirely mercantile area, there is hardly room to swing a cat, much less a ship.—Yours, etc.,

NAUTICUS.

RESULTS OF MISTAKEN LENIENCY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 3rd April.

SIR,—It is the opinion I think of a great many people in this Colony that the policy of the present Government is one of mistaken leniency towards the Chinese, and I am not surprised to hear of a strong desire on the part of the Chinese community for a continuance of the present Government for another five years.

Any petition to appoint H. E. for another term of five years would no doubt be eagerly signed by all the Chinese of the Colony. The worst classes can hardly expect to have such a good time under another Government as they have at present.

We constantly hear of robberies and thefts with no recovery of the stolen goods, and this shows what a rotten state the police are in. But there is a much worse ill, and that is the dumping of bodies of the Chinese who have died of plague and the spread of the disease in consequence. The dampers are no doubt paid well and the practice will continue, but it might be put a stop to at once by the simple means of cremating any bodies found. A simple remedy, but not attempted, I presume, for fear of hurting the susceptible feelings of the Chinese, coolies! If there is any other reason for not trying this way of putting a stop to the practice I should be glad to hear it.—Yours, etc.,

THE ABOMINATION OF STREET BEGGARS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 3rd April.

SIR,—I notice this Winter an increase in the number and persistent importunity of street beggars. If, as I understand, mendicity is forbidden

by our Bye Laws, why are not the "bobbies" more alert in running in the beggars?

But though the Police could and doubtless should, do more to check this evil the surest and shortest remedy lies with us. If only people would practise "total abstinence" from bestowing a copper this public nuisance would soon cease. No one wishes Charity to be discouraged but doling out alms to beggars is not true Charity—nor does it relieve the necessities of the most deserving.

"The Master" has said "The poor have ye always with you and whenever we will, ye may do them good." Let then all who recognise His authority seek out, and substantially relieve, cases of deserving destitution, or if they cannot do this personally, let them employ as almoners those who can and who will only too gladly aid them in their true and Christian almsgiving.—Yours truly,

A FRIEND OF THE DESERVING POOR.

THE REPORTED EUROPEAN CASE OF PLAQUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1903.

Sir,—In your report of the death of the chief steward of the s.s. *Hyades* you state that the body was "found floating" in the bottom of the dock occupied by the *Hyades*. I beg to point out that this is incorrect, as the *Hyades* was not in dock at the time but lying alongside the wharf, and it was in making his way to his ship that he fell into the dock, which was then occupied by another ship. By my own enquiry it appears uncertain whether it was a case of plague.—Yours, etc.,

W. B. DEXON,

Chief Manager H.K.V.C. Co.
[Our information that it was a case of plague was taken from a return by the Medical Officer of Health "showing the number of cases of bubonic fever (plague)" notified on April 1st. The only respect in which our report was "incorrect" appears to be that though the body was found in the dock, the *Hyades* was not occupying the dock.—Ed. D.P.]

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS.

Mr. Levey, the advance agent of Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company, arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the *Nippon* from Manila, where the Company has had a six weeks' sojourn, with results more satisfactory than they have experienced anywhere else in the Far East. The Company opens here on Thursday with *Dorothy*, which will occupy the boards one night only. The other operas to be given by the Company during their stay in the Colony will be *The Gaiety*, *Poussie Cofe*, *La Marse*, and the *Belle of New York*. From Hongkong the Company goes to Shanghai for five weeks, proceeding thence to Vancouver and the United States.

INTERESTING TO MARINERS.

Notice is given that on or about the 5th April next the following changes in the buoyage of the Tsungming Crossing will be effected. An examination of the locality shows that a deeper channel, with over 20 feet in it at low water of spring tides, has formed to the southward of the old one.

The West Spit buoy will be shifted S. 16 deg. 15 ft. E. 27 cables from its present position.

The second crossing buoy will be shifted S. 38 deg. 30 ft. E. 4.5 cables from its present position.

The first crossing buoy will be shifted S. 43 deg. 45 ft. E. 6.5 cables from its present position.

The East entrance buoy will be shifted S. 81 deg. 15 ft. E. 10.5 cables from its present position.

All bearings given are magnetic.

ANOTHER ATTEMPTED "SQUEEZE" BY THE CANTON VICEROY.

We learn that information, recently leaked out that the Viceroy of Canton was preparing to levy a new tax—this time in the form of a "license fee" on all opium boilers in the province, and securing to such license-holders the exclusive right to sell opium. Timely intimation of these preparations having reached the British Consulate, Mr. Scott, our alert Consul-General, at once vigorously protested to the Viceroy that this proposed license on the drug, after it has already paid heavy import duty, would be an indirect tax seriously hampering British trade. The matter has been referred to Peking.

Meanwhile the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and others interested will doubtless take note of this attempted "squeeze" and strengthen the hands of the Consul in his timely protest against it.

MARSHAL SU.

Marshal Su, Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Kwangsi, has been ordered to proceed with all haste to Peking. It was stated in the *N.C. Daily News* some time ago that if Marshal Su he removed from his post in the presence of the rebel army the chances would be that his subordinates would coerce him into joining the rebels. This, evidently, is also the apprehension of the Empress Dowager's advisers; hence the decree, which does not supersede Marshal Su, but merely commands him to go up to Peking, the proviso that he is to return to Kwangsi by-and-by being understood. This will therefore not give Marshal Su's friends and subordinates the excuse to make him join the rebels which if they do will place Marshal Su in wrong in the eyes of the Empress. It is, however, believed that if Marshal Su actually goes up to Peking, he will be cast into prison on some pretext or other. People need not be surprised if they hear in the near future of the sudden death of the Marshal in his own camp.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 4th April.

Before Mr. F. A. HAZELARD (P. LIC. MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.
Pun Sia Nam alias Pun Kit Yuen was charged with embezzling the sum of \$1,100 belonging to Yu Fung Shan, watchmaker and jeweller, Des Vaux Road, Central. The defendant, it is alleged, sold on behalf of the complainant gold to the amount stated in the charge, and failed to hand over the money. Information was lodged with the police, and the accused was arrested by Detective-Sergeant Kerr. He pleaded not guilty, and was formally remanded.

LOOKING FOR A BED.

Wong Ming, a coolie, was charged with breaking into a Chinese merchant's store at 88, Connaught Road. He denied the accusation. The complainant, a dealer in tea, said he was awakened during the night by an Indian watchman, who told him that there was a Chinaman somewhere on the verandah outside.

The watchman went into the box and continued the story. He said there were four Chinamen, altogether, but three ran away, leaving the defendant, whom he saw gain access to the verandah. He aroused the last witness, and when they went up above they found the defendant lying in bed.

The accused told his Worship that he simply went there to sleep.

He was provided with food and lodging at Government expense for two months to come.

Before Mr. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

MAKING A TOOL OF THE POLICE.
Jose Maria Rodriguez, a Portuguese watchman with the Sanitary Board, was placed in the dock on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain of the total value of \$50 from another Portuguese named Beguin living at 49, Peel Street.

When the case was called, the complainant told his Worship that he was satisfied the defendant did not mean to steal the watch—he only took it.

The statement of the complainant when he applied to the police for a warrant for the arrest of the accused having been passed up to him, the magistrate asked the complainant what he meant by swearing information that the watch and chain had been stolen by the defendant.

Complainant—He only took the watch.

His Worship—"Taking" and "stealing" are two different things, as you know very well. I suppose you took out this warrant because you wanted the police to get the watch back for you. You are either making a false statement now or you swore false information. (To the defendant)—The watch is not yours? You don't claim the watch?

Defendant—No, it isn't mine.

His Worship—You are discharged, and I advise you (to the complainant) not to come up here again in a similar case.

THE LAWN-TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Play in the Lawn-Tennis Tournament, on the Cricket Ground, is now in full swing. The results, so far are as follows:—

DOUBLE HANDICAP—1st ROUND.
J. M. Atkinson and E. J. Grist (owe 32/6) beat Wei On and P. F. J. Wodehouse (owe 3/6) 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

SCOTCH ROUND.
H. Hancock and T. C. Gray (owe 3/6) beat E. R. Halifax and W. J. Newland (owe 15/4).

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.
P. M. Heath and P. Strickland scratched to C. E. H. Beavis and E. C. Fontaine.

SINGLE HANDICAP—"A" CLASS.
P. Strickland (owe 15) beat O. J. Barnes (scratch).

W. L. Martin (owe 4/6) beat E. R. Halifax (owe 15), 6-4, 6-2.

E. J. Grist (owe 15) beat W. J. Newland (owe 2/6), 6-4, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES.
H. Hancock v. C. E. H. Beavis.
E. J. Davies v. F. D. Bain.
J. E. Lee v. C. Rademacher.
H. Pinckney and J. H. Yots v. E. J. Grist and Wei On.

G. H. Edwards and W. Armstrong v. J. E. Swan and J. M. Atkinson.
P. P. J. Wodehouse and B. E. Hanson v. E. Miles and L. A. Fanshawe.

PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LD.

Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, secretary of the above Company, forwards us the following for publication:—

"Result of crushing for the month of March, 1903.—Crushed 1,300 tons surface stone from Kalampong, yielding 98 ounces of smelted gold, equivalent of 1.127 per ton. Valued at \$4,000. We are crushing ore from Swah now."

"The Assay reports by the Government Analyst, Singapore, are considered favorable."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Yarra* is to leave Saigon today, at 5 p.m., for this port.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Preussien*, which left here on the 4th ult., arrived at Genoa on the 1st inst. at 5 p.m.

The steamer *Dorcas* left Sandakan on the 1st inst. p.m., and may be expected here on the 7th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Idzumi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Shimoda for this port on the 2nd inst. p.m., and is expected here on the 7th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kangasawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst. p.m., and is expected here on the 8th inst.

The C.M. steamer *Peking* left Victoria on the 1st inst. for Japan, Hongkong and Manila.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA MANILA.

ROMANTIC ORDERS IN FRANCE.

New York, 28th March.

The French authorities have definitely decided to drive all members of the Catholic monastic orders from the country. Steps in this direction were begun some time ago when the closing of the monastery schools was begun, and has culminated in the present determination.

The act has aroused much feeling among the Catholic people and there is likely to be rioting in the districts where the monks have the most influence.

SAN LOMINGO.

New York, 27th March.

Rioting continues in San Domingo and the rebels are in complete control. Anarchy prevails and no attempt has yet been made to set up any new government. The rebels yesterday seized the entire navy of the republic and is now in possession of all the machinery of the government. It is expected that if conditions do not improve the United States will intervene to restore order.

New York, 30th March.

The city of San Domingo remains in the hands of the rebels and anarchy reigns. The federalists have assembled outside of the town and are besieging it and several brushes have occurred. Being in possession of the Navy and able to keep the port clear, the rebels have the advantage and no settlement is in sight.

A NEW BEEF TRUST.

New York, 27th March.

A new beef trust is being organized with a capital of a half billion dollars. It will endeavour to control the entire output of the United States and will also attempt to invade South America. A determined effort will be made by the independent producers to fight the trust.

THE POSITION AT PEKING—ALARMIST RUMOURS.

New York, 27th March.

The Peking legations are preparing for a siege. This information was contained in official despatches to Washington, from the American legation, and these despatches take a most despairing view of the situation. The report states that all the legations are laying in supplies and are taking extra precautions in going about the city. The guard on the legations has been increased and attempts have been made to decrease the vulnerability of the quarters. Reports received by European Governments are even more alarming and take on rather a hysterical tone. Intervention is regarded as sure to come, and only the knowledge that it is sure to result in international complications prevents immediate action.

29th March.

It is now positively known that the American legation at Peking has appealed to Washington for protection, and the appeal was couched in the strongest terms. The temper of the native people is most surly and there is every reason to expect an outbreak at an early date. The departments are not communicative on the subject, but it is evident that preparation is being made for the worst.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

New York, 29th March.

Work has been begun on the 2nd section of the Pacific cable, from Hawaii to Midway Island.

LABOUR RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

New York, 29th March.

The labor riots in Russia are fast becoming serious and the point of internal war is almost reached. At Slatonska the troops fired on a party of rioters when they had attempted to disperse, and eighty of the strikers and their supporters were killed. The Governor has placed the district under strict martial law and will proceed to restore order.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AND THE KAISER.

New York, 29th March.

A published interview with Admiral Dewey with respect to the ability of the German Navy, has created a furor in diplomatic circles and it is possible that the President will have to discipline the Admiral for what is regarded as a decidedly undiplomatic statement. The interview credits the Admiral with having said that the German Navy was in every way inferior to that of America and that in case of a war the United States would undoubtedly have the advantage. Dewey went on at some length to specify the points in which the German Navy was lacking, and made some very positive criticisms of the Kaiser's fleet. The German ambassador has already laid the matter before the President and it is expected that the Admiral will at least be reprimanded.

30th March.

The remarks of Admiral Dewey concerning the efficiency of the German Navy, has stirred up a dangerous feeling in that country and seriously threaten a good understanding. The German press has taken up the matter and almost unanimously assailed Dewey. The recognized Agrarian press is especially venomous and takes the ground that if "Mr. Dewey" thinks the American Navy is superior he ought to have an opportunity to try the question. Admiral Dewey has not denied the authenticity of the interview nor made any explanation of it. It is believed that his punishment is assured. Washington has not yet taken any official notice of the incident but will certainly be compelled to do so.

A SURGICAL FEAT.

New York, 30th March.

A Paris surgeon has accomplished the feat of untwisting a severed carotid artery and saving the life of the patient. The achievement is hailed as one of the most marvellous in surgery and serves to prevent another supposedly inevitable death.

THE PORT OF SPAIN RIOTS.

New York, 30th March.

Rioting continues at Port of Spain, Trinidad, but the authorities have taken stern measures

and it is believed that the rioters will make no further serious demonstration. Marines from the British gunboats in the harbour are, patrolling the town and are assisting the authorities to keep the peace.

MOROCCO.

New York, 30th March.

After a hard fought battle on the outskirts of Fez, the Pretender has succeeded in overthrowing the Sultan and has occupied the capital. The battle was one of the fiercest on record and both sides suffered tremendously in killed and wounded. When the victory turned toward the Pretender's forces the fight developed into a massacre and the regular forces were slaughtered in great numbers. The Pretender escaped, but it is believed that he did and is in hiding. No outrages have been reported as having been committed upon Europeans, but great alarm is felt and the Powers will send troops to interfere.

NEWS VIA SINGAPORE.

SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

Bombay, 26th March.

The Governor of Ceylon (Sir J. West Ridgeway) stated in the Legislative Council of Ceylon that the offence wherewith Sir Hector MacDonald was charged was not punishable in the Criminal Court of Ceylon, hence the order to hold a court-martial.

It is rumoured that there were over forty charges of an unnameable nature against the deceased general.

ON TRAVELLING IN CHINA.

The *Sinohua* (Hueh) correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* writes as follows under date 20th March:—

With many, walking is a last resort of locomotion, when motor or cycle, brumham or bus fails. It is an art the child learns with difficulty, seeking also to forget it when he begins to think for himself; for is not the first demand of the schoolboy, and the schoolgirl too, for a bicycle? The longing of humanity is for flight—some one has already made this observation. This longing is expressed in the invention of balloons, aero-planes, gigantic kites, and, less ambitiously in motor-cars, in skating and switchbacking, to say nothing of sky-scaper lifts, tobogganing, surreptitious rides at the tail of a van or trolley, as may be most convenient.

We, who live in China, seek to follow the promptings of this instinct, and seek in vain. While men in happier countries are trying on the wings of a butterfly, I remain a crawling caterpillar, "I am a worm, and no man."

We cannot ride on the wings of the wind: we can only ride on ponies, mules, asses; in sedan-chairs and on wheel-burrows; and, as a special treat, to dwell on and enlunge about—in boats.

Let us consider the nature of pony, mule, and ass travelling. What is said of one may be said of all, and in few words. Such travelling is not exciting. It is, *en centre*, quite safe, except when you are off the animal, and too confidently near his tail. For the strength of his kick we respect him, but for nothing else at present.

The native beast-of-burden is trained to walk well. He may be persuaded to wriggle over 40 miles in one day, but he always has his nurse with him to twist his tail. Also, as the nurse's speed has proper limitations, the swiftness of a trot is not to be hankered after. The saddle provided is substantial and yielding. It makes itself felt through the maximum of padding. Let no new-comer be beguiled into hiring a "senko" for a stage, "for a rest," for no rest shall he have; but continual adjustments of his person to discover the soft parts of the saddle—never to find them.

As for wheel-burrows, I have seen worthy heads of families behind furniture, wife and babes, balanced over the one wheel, but I know that they are deadly slow, as, having once passed them on the road, I never repeat them, as they never get in front again. The slow-moving foot-passenger, like the tortoise of the fable, passes the hare, as that injured being sits in a native inn waiting for the water to boil; but the wheel-burrow is slower than the tortoise. Sedan-chairs, perhaps from associating with the big-wigged fashionables of a bygone time, seem to be the very thing for a mandarin, whose plump face, conic-section hat and embroidered front are more fittingly framed in the window of a chair than are the yellow visage and meagre proportions of a foreigner.

There still remains the boat, to travel in which is the *delice par excellence* of some. Not when you have to get out and help push; nor when the mosquito shrills in the twilight, and other horrors creep forth from the boards to their prurings till the morning. Neither is the inertness of boat-travelling the ideal life when the river is freezing, the boat anchored for an indefinite time, and foreign provisions short.

There are better things coming near our doors; not broken-down steam-launches, built for a small dozen, yet crammed in their old age by an enterprising Chinaman with a mass of uncomfortable beings. Neither is it a toy-railway, but one that will take you, at one sitting, from Hankow to Peking. All hail to the railway! It will save many a heel-blister, many a sore body and wounded frame of mind, to the foreigner, and may in time bring the native to treat with the contempt they deserve the present methods of locomotion, but the probability is that even when the perfect realization of the possible has come to other nations, the Chinese will still be hitching themselves along over roads that were originally raised to divide paddy-fields.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. the agents of Rainier Beer, forward us some specimens of the neat little pocket books which are presented with the compliments of the makers of that beverage for which it is claimed "there's new vigour and strength in every drop."

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, April 3rd.—Our market continues active for most of our principal dividend paying stocks, and a further important investment business has been effected during the period under review. The March settlement though heavy has passed off satisfactorily. BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and others in small lots at 80 1/2, and further parcels are probably obtainable at this figure. The London quotation has advanced to 263. Nationals are unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions are quiet at \$55 with small sales. Cantons are in some demand at the advanced rate of \$165 after sales at \$162 1/2. Yangtze continue in request at \$140, and North China at T's 200. China Traders are weak with sellers at \$60.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong are firmer with sales and further advances at \$36 1/2. China have strengthened considerably, and after sales at \$82, \$83, and \$84 are now required for at \$84, and it is reported that sales have been effected at \$86.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have again attracted the attention of investors, and large transactions have been closed at \$38 and \$39 1/2, the market closing with some sellers at the higher rate. Indo-China has also been booked in large quantities at gradually improving prices, and our market closes strong with buyers at \$103 cash and equivalent rates up to June delivery. China and Manilla are quiet with buyers at \$27. Douglases have been booked at \$48, and further shares can probably be placed at this rate. Star Ferries are unchanged at last quotations. Shell Transports have been placed at £1 5s. 0d. and £1 7s. 0d. and close with buyers at the latter rate.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have continued to improve, and after sales at \$104, \$109 and \$109 1/2 are now required for at \$110. Luzons are neglected at \$12 1/2 sellers.

MINING.—Panama are still wanted at \$3 1/2, for preference the best rate obtainable is 45 cents at which sales are reported. Ranks are quiet with sellers at \$3.

DECEMBER WAREHOUSE & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have continued in demand with sales reported at \$214 and \$215, our market closing with some further buyers at the latter figure. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are quiet with probable sellers at \$95. Farnams are reported strong in the north at T's 192 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have sold in fair quantities at \$17 1/2, but sellers now ask for \$17 1/2 for additional shares. Kowloon Lands are again higher with reported buyers at \$49 1/2. West Point are easier with probable sellers at \$55. Hongkong Hotels have been booked at \$144 and are in further request at this rate. Orientals are neglected at \$27 1/2. Humphreys Estates have been booked at \$12 and \$12 1/2 and close with buyers at \$12.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos have improved to T's 384 buyers. Internationals are also better with sales at T's 40. Hongkong Cottons are still obtainable at \$17.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Manila Investments have sold and there are further buyers at \$15. Green Island Cements have been booked at \$22 and \$22 1/2 and continue in demand. China Boroos can be placed at \$8. Watsons are actively acquired for and can be placed at \$14 1/2. Electric (old) are quiet at \$14, but the new shares are wanted at \$7 1/2 after sales at this rate. Ioca have attracted some attention and have been booked at \$230 and \$232 1/2. China Providents have declined to \$9.65 with sales and further sellers. Watkins are offering at \$7 1/2 ex the dividend of 81 per share for 1902 paid on the last instant. Powells have sold at \$10, and Philippine Tobacco Trusts at \$18.

THE WAR INDEMNITY.

A Berlin telegram dated March 27th states that all Foreign Ministers in Peking have demanded with identical notes the signature, for the single States, of the partial bonds of the war indemnity.

HAPPY PENANG.

The *Pinang Gazette* states that crime in that Settlement has sunk to next door to nothing, so to say, thanks to the smartness of the detective service there. The journal adds: "At probably no period in the history of Penang has crime been such a stranger to the place as now, always calculating criminal returns proportionately with the population. The number of serious offences committed within the past few years is surprisingly few. Singapore cannot boast nearly so good a record as Penang, though of course the fact that circumstances are easier for wrongdoers in the Southern Settlement must be taken into consideration."

MISSING RUSSIAN EXPLORER.

The Imperial Academy of Science at St. Petersburg, has decided to dispatch an expedition, consisting of six members, to search for Baron Toll, who left Siberia in June last with a few companions to explore Bennett Island, and has not been heard of since. The search expedition, which will be headed by Lieutenant Koltebak, who was with Baron Toll before he left the Siberian coast, will proceed shortly to New Siberia, and, if necessary, to Bennett Island, as there is reason to believe that the Baron, seeing his road back to New Siberia cut off by the breaking up of the ice towards the middle of July last, remained in the island to pass the winter.

THE SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS.

From the *N.C. Daily News* we learn that this year the training season for the Shanghai Volunteer Corps (to which General Gascoigne referred in eulogistic terms at the annual inspection of the H.K.V.C. last Saturday) has been interfered with in a most persistent manner by the weather, which has assumed a detestable attitude to the Volunteers since they started to train three weeks ago. In spite of this drawback, however, the men have turned up at the Town Hall, and on the forebore when practicable, in very good numbers, and though the enforced indoor drill has not had what can be described as an encouraging effect, the inspection on Saturday (to-day) ought not to fall behind its predecessors.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

April 5th; Sunday next before Easter.

Matins (11 a.m.). (Palm Sunday). Responses, Psalms; Venite, Stanley; Psalms. Barby, Goss and Foster; Benedicite, Ward in D; Jubilate, Goodson in C; Hymns, 93 and 107; Kyrie, Hopkins in F (71); Offertory Hymn, 306.

Evangelist (5.45 p.m.). Responses, Psalms, Macfarren and Hopkins; Magnificat, Turle in A (23rd M.); Nunc Dimittis, Rimant in E-flat (16th M.); Hymns, 92, 267, and 97 (Part II—T. 298); Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.

Matins (11 a.m.). Hymns, 115; Venite, Hopkins; Te Deum, Woodward; Hym

